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BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

DPW – Pine Street

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

5:30 TO 7:30 PM

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

*Attending: Ian Galbraith, Chair; Fern C. Crete, Mary D. Hart, Denis Pobric, Alan Sousie, Jay Vos, Bill Ward, Linda Ayer,
Public: Sid DeCell, Tom Murphy, Mary Marshall*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galbraith at 5:35

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda		Approved
2. Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2010	Change Denis' e-mail address	Approved Minutes
3. Public Forum	Global Companies - Sid Decell & Tom Murphy representatives stated that they have made efforts to reduce and eliminate chemical use in the work place. Square footage of proposed herbicide application is less than last year and they've had to accommodate	Moved to add correspondence received today to Global Companies application submitted for determination.

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	<p>Homeland Security requirements.</p> <p>Treating 6 – 7 acres this year and have decreased by half an acre since last year. There are economic challenges to meeting BOH requirements costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to use a suffocation method to retro fit this storage facility.</p> <p>500 lbs of material added and index went to 1.09 in FY 09 (redoing RR ties, bringing in soil)</p> <p>Generator status can change month to month. Annual submission of reports.</p> <p>Stated that Global Industries is exempt from producing hazardous materials.</p> <p>:Vegetation Control from MA is the Contractor that will apply herbicide. Advice from Vegetation Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCORD is the most effective product. (Plans to touch up on the spot – may only do 2 – 3 acres on second application). <p>Advice by application specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organics are not as effective. . <p>Tom Murphy asked how Burlington Electric and Vermont Rail deal with the vegetation control. Board said Moran Plant steamed vegetation.</p> <p>Board re-stated commitment to eliminating chemicals in Burlington – Board suggested Global contact UVM Astro Program.</p>	<p>Questions from Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is procedure for Global to be exempt? • Is Global approved as an EXEMPT facility? • Besides ACCORD; what other herbicides is Global planning to use? <p>Sid Decell will get answer whether Global is EXEMPT.</p> <p>Sid Decell to provide information about Vegetation Control to demonstrate credibility.</p>
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	<p>Global stated Homeland Security has demands re security around hiring a local landscaper to do herbicide application..</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Mary Marshall – researcher on animal health, animal disease control. Additionally has conducted research in causes of behavior disorders. Has also worked with research centers on farm diseases. Involved in Pro Med Mail – an on-line alert system about diseases and toxins – Is interested in serving on the BOH; desires involvement on a local level.</p> <p>*****</p>	
4. Chairman’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept Gene Bergman’s resignation. <p>Approve Bill Ward as Health Officer</p>	<p>Ian to write a letter of gratitude to Gene Bergman. (Resignation accepted).</p> <p>Ian will write a letter to Wendy Davis making recommendation.</p>
5. Pesticide Application Request	<p>Global Companies, LLC: Sid Decell & Tom Murphy</p>	<p>Board approved (4:1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of Accord with the understanding that a report is submitted to BOH with dates and amount applied and acreage covered. <p>A report from Global on dates of the second application and amount for spot applications will be submitted to Bill Ward, Code Enforcement Director/ Health Officer, who will approve a second application to the site if it is necessary and will report to Board if there are unusual circumstances.</p>
6. Members’ Reports:	<p>Lawn Labs Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing all survey questions of 60 applicants by April 16, and two lawn lab selections will be determined by April 30th. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Fluoride Issue • Assessment Review • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address enforcement methods and the procedures for staff to administer. Bring into compliance with state law (14 items contradicted the state laws). • Andy Jones wanted to be involved in ordinance committee - • Current staff person on VT Pesticides Advisory Board wants STATE to improve pesticide regulations. (Sid Bosworth is this board.) • Discussion around collaborative efforts, v. single agendas and information that was untimely. IF BOH doesn't keep this going, then it will be a lost issue. • Is this simply a revision of legal aspects to be aligned with State Statues? <p>DPW subcommittee has met, the 10 page document is to be condensed into a one page Abstract for the DPW Commission. Time line to be established by DPW Commission by May with Laurie Adams and Jared Wood as to when it will be presented.</p> <p>Special meeting to do the assessment and follow-up with Gene re: the legal ramifications.</p> <p>Three people have expressed interest in serving on the BOH: Lea Terhune, Mary Marshall, Ben Truman Discussion followed about protocol for officer terms. Typically unless someone wants to resign from the Board, the City Council re-appoints them. City Council will appoint those to fill vacated positions.</p>	<p>Form a subcommittee to sit down w/ Gene to revise current working document.</p> <p>Gene to select 2 people to work with him.</p> <p>Alan to think about whether he will be BOH representative.</p> <p>Set up BOH Special Meeting for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:30 at DPW Conference Room to review and justify individual answers in order to achieve a group consensus. Linda reserve room. BOARD members to complete assessment.</p>
7. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership in NALBOH. 	Approved to renew membership in NALBOH

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget \$1,990 Bird sound system? Purchase another? 	Linda find the bird sound system
8. Next Board Meeting	Special Meetings to complete Assessment	
9. Adjournment	7:20 PM	

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